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Miss Kennedy prove that girl operators became the rule, as they have remained until this day.

Working hours were long in 1878, and Miss Kennedy was on duty daily from 8 until 6, claiming the right of state to reach her switchboard. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, often visited the exchange, and Thomas A. Edison sometimes accompanied her.

Kennedy told a reporter shortly before her death, "We didn't pay, and we didn't get paid, but we didn't want to be so famous then."

Many thousands of "hello" girls have come and gone in the 54 years since Miss Kennedy became the first. Taken as a class, no more faithful employees ever served an exchanging and sometimes unreasonable public. Many telephone girls have performed deeds of extraordinary heroism, remaining at their posts in time of fire, flood and other disaster, giving warnings that saved the lives of others at the risk of their own.

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COLLEGE HONOR CODE

Many interesting stories are told of the working of the honor code at Washington and Lee University, where it was established by General Lee when he became president of the school in 1857.

No supervision of students is exercised during examinations, yet cheating is virtually unknown.

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Several students have paid for their expenses by selling sandwiches to the students.

Paraguay's present difficulty with Bolivia, resulting from a long-standing boundary dispute, recalls the disastrous war led by Francisco Solano Lopez who became dictator of Paraguay in 1862 and seemed anxious to bring all South America under his rule.

Although Paraguay had a population of only 1,200,000, Lopez in 1862 waged war on her three larger neighbors—Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay. In five years four-fifths of this population was dead.

Of the 225,000 remaining, besides 106,254 women over 15 years of age, and 86,879 children, the rest were killed.

Lopez, who was called a "war exterminator,"

Lopez stopped at nothing to keep up the unequal struggle. Regiments of boys between 12 and 15 were sent to the front, and many women fought in the ranks. Women were the sole dependents for the raising of crops, and they also transported ammunition and supplies, even dragging artillery to the front.

March 1, 1870, and the war ended. Reduced to utter helplessness, Paraguay was permitted to adopt a new constitution and set up a government under the protection of her former foes, but a Brazilian army of occupation remained.

Paraguay has not yet regained the population she had at the outbreak of the war.

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